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GIRLS INCORPORATED OF ST. LOUIS

18th Annual Strong,
Smart, and Bold
Luncheon

THE RITZ CARLTON-ST. LOUIS

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

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Girls Incorporated of St. Louis is a nonprofit agency serving more than 9,000 girls annually - age 6 to 18 - to inspire them to become strong, smart and bold. Our trained professionals provide mentorship, intensive educational, college readiness, career, and personal development programming to help girls value their whole selves, discover and develop their inherent strengths and get the support they need to navigate the challenges they face. Our affiliate, one of 78 affiliates in the U.S. and Canada, is nationally recognized as a top performer.

Visit www.girlsincstl.org to learn more!

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Joan Berkman



Adrian Bracy



Laurina Godwin

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This year we are delighted to recognize three outstanding trailblazers whose accomplishments and contributions strength the growth of the community in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Our 2024 Strong, Smart, and Bold honorees have contributed countless hours of time, treasure, and talent to Girls Inc. and they exemplify what it means to be strong, smart, and bold.

Friday, November 8, 2024

The Ritz Carlton-St. Louis
100 Carondelet Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63105

11:00am-11:45am - Registration & Silent Auction
12:00pm - Luncheon

Tickets:
\$125 (per person)



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Joan Berkman, a longtime communications professional, is a former executive director and lobbyist for Southwestern Bell Telephone (now AT&T) where she served for 27 years. She then founded Face Watchers, a strategic, customized marketing, public relations and special events company in 2004 to spotlight the program of work and contributions of the nonprofit and business community. She is a national award-winning journalist and writes a business ethics column "The Velvet Hammer" for Town & Style Magazine and is the immediate Past President of the St. Louis Press Club.



Adrian E. Bracy, MBA, CPA is the former Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Metro St. Louis where she served for nearly 12 years. Bracy transitioned to the non-profit sector after 18 years in senior financial management with the National Football League to serve a calling "to inspire and make a difference in the lives of women and girls." Currently, she is the Executive Director for The Steward Trust.



Laurina Godwin for more than 42 years has been using her communications skills to inform and educate people about issues affecting how they live, work, and play. She is a three-time Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist who today is the owner/president and co-founder of Vector Communications Corporation, an engagement and communications consulting firm.

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Girls Incorporated of St. Louis provides educational and cultural programs in safe environments for girls that enable them to raise their aspirations and realize their potential. Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold!